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## TO REOPEN WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

### Annual Meeting of Inter-Island System.

(From Thursday's daily.)

**W**IRELESS telegraph affairs in Hawaii were thoroughly discussed at the annual meeting of the shareholders and directors of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company, held yesterday afternoon in the office of F. J. Cross, Stangenwald building, and if certain negotiations which are now pending are successful, a local financial house will place funds in the hands of the directors with which to reopen the system, which has been closed since November last. It was stated by Manager Cross in his verbal report of the condition of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company that Marconi had broken his contract with the local company by not furnishing it with duplicating mechanism and necessary materials to rehabilitate the poles at the various stations, and this fact caused the company to suspend its operations. Mr. Cross also stated that while on a business trip to the mainland he had secured tubes for the poles and had arranged to rearrange the system when it was found necessary from lack of funds to shut down. The salaries of the operators were in arrears, certain members of the directorate had given notes to the banks for the payment of back salaries, and had done everything in their individual capacities to keep the system in operation, but all to no purpose. The stockholders who failed to pay their assessments and still refuse to do so are blamed for the failure of the company to keep its plant in operation, and their utter refusal to pay the assessments has reduced the company to a bank account of \$5 and even this has been garnished.

There were some among the directors who had at previous times voiced their doubts as to the system proving successful. At yesterday's meeting, however, even these men expressed their absolute faith in the value of the wireless telegraph system from a broad commercial standpoint, and said they were willing to put their shoulders to the wheel and assist in bringing about negotiations which would put the company again on its feet. All that was needed at present was enough money to guarantee the salaries of the operators for the various island stations, fit in the new tubes and replenish the batteries. This done, the messages could be sent as well as when the system was at its best. It developed during the meeting that the tubes had become non-sensitive, and would not respond to a wave. When Manager Cross was in most need of new supplies, the rupture ensued between the company and Marconi, and the system then became practically useless. Since November nothing has been done in the way of transmitting messages.

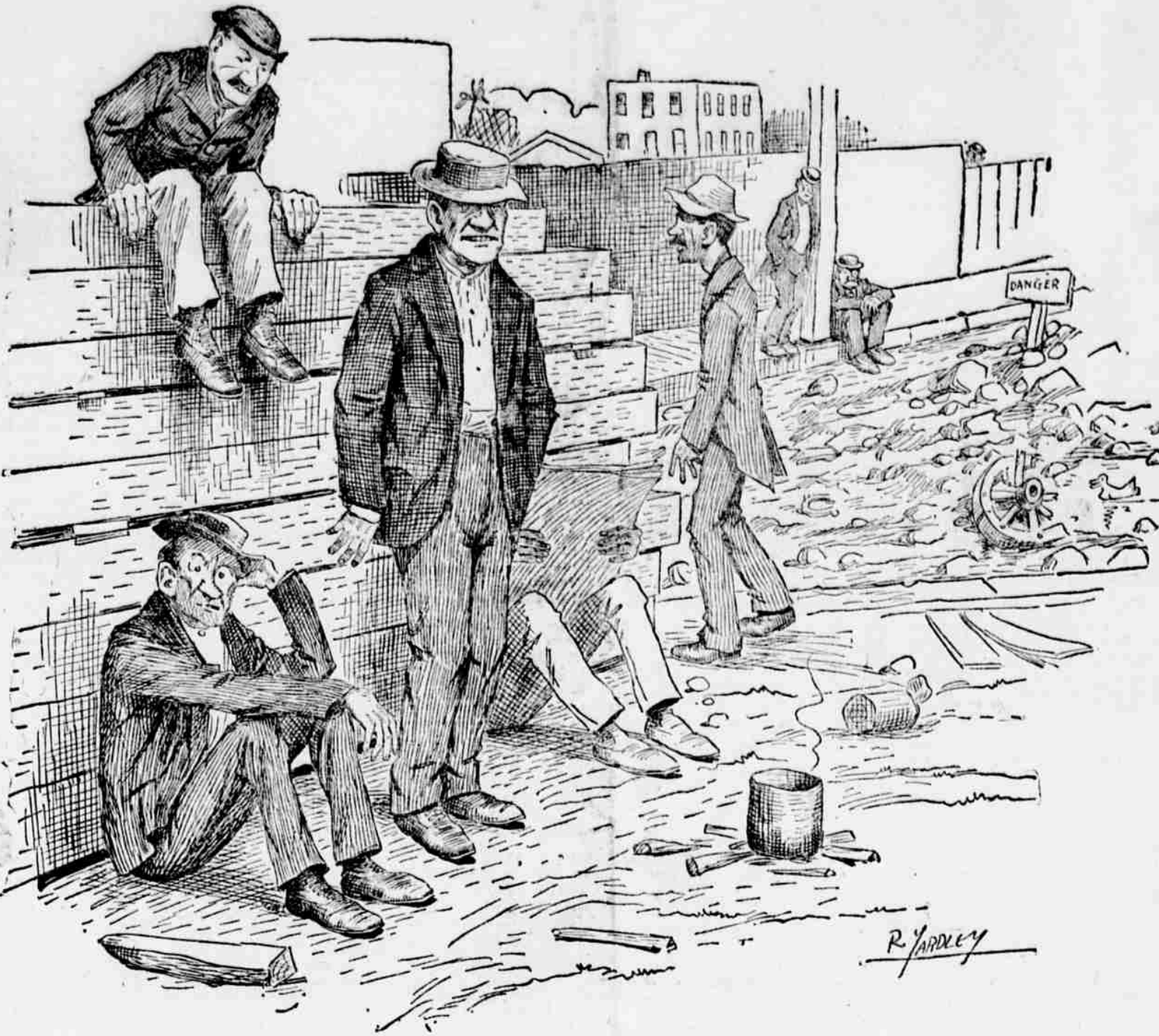
Those present at the meeting were Manager and President F. J. Cross; Secretary W. R. Farrington; Treasurer C. J. Hutchins; R. C. Brown, J. A. Fisher, Robert Carlton, and W. H. Hoogs. There were 1071 shares out of 2000 represented. Treasurer Hutchins made a verbal report, saying there was \$5 in the bank, which had been garnished. There was an indebtedness of \$9,000, Robert Carlton being the principal creditor. There was \$14,000 in assessments unpaid which could not be brought in, none of the shareholders evincing a disposition to yield up a cent of what was due. Even those who had continually paid their assessments had now joined the others.

Manager Cross said that after the system opened on March 2, 1901, and for three months afterward, it did not pay expenses or interest, largely owing to the inefficiency of the operators. At the end of that time the system was working satisfactorily. About that time Marconi demanded the balance of the claim due him, which not being forthcoming, he refused to supply any more material; consequently the tubes began to play out, and the manager not being able to get any more, the system began to work poorly, until on November 25 they shut down entirely, no messages getting through after that date. Mr. Cross left for the States in September, his object being to get new tubes, so that he could make the repairs himself. He returned with some of the material and he has made tubes which work satisfactorily, but now there is no money to install the operators again. When the tubes were sent to the stations, the batteries were then found to be very weak. Treasurer Hutchins procured new batteries here and forwarded them, but many are still on the landing docks on the various islands, there being no money to move them to the stations. There is no fault in the system, which has been demonstrated to work as promised, but the company has been operating on short capital, owing to the stockholders having failed to pay in their assessments.

Mr. Cross said he would turn back his promoter's stock in order that paid-up stock could be given to the stockholders for what they had paid in, and he suggested that the proposition mentioned at a former directors' meeting, that the capital be reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000 or \$30,000, be adopted.

W. H. Hoogs favored the reduction of the capital. He said there had been too many "peanut stockholders" in the com-

## VAGRANT HONOLULU.



Plenty of Tramps Why Not Put Them on Street Work?

### Senator A. Russel Holds Two Jobs.

pany when it started, and these had really blocked the successful operation of the system, as they failed and positively refused to meet the assessments agreed upon. The same had been true in the case of the Nahu plantation. He thought if men of financial standing could be brought into touch with the affairs of the company, the outlook would be bright. He had faith in the entire proposition, and wanted to see the system once more operating.

It was stated that the system had cost \$24,000, and there were now \$9,000 to be considered. On the new basis of reducing the capitalization, issuing paid-up stock to the assessable stockholders, and marketing the remaining stock, there would be a surplus after paying the debts, which would give the company a financial footing.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, F. J. Cross; vice president, W. W. Hall; secretary, W. R. Farrington; treasurer, Clinton J. Hutchins; auditor, R. C. Brown. These officers and the following named form the new directorate: C. A. De Cew, J. A. Magoon, E. O. White and W. H. Hoogs.

Upon motion of C. J. Hutchins, the directors decided to empower the directors to negotiate a loan to cover advances which may be obtained, and start the system again.

### A MOSQUITO NET PREVENTS CAPTURE

Charles Bon, a clerk in the bank of Bishop & Co., imagined himself in the role of Ajax defying the lightning shortly after midnight yesterday morning, when he discovered a bold, bad burglar in the act of leaving his room, in the house of Mr. Jacobson, on Pensacola street. The mosquito netting covering the bank clerk's head, and the lack of a revolver, combined to defeat Mr. Bon in his attempt to capture the thief, who had the temerity to take away the bank clerk's coat, pants, a pair of suspenders, various articles of nether wear, a brand new pair of shoes, a gold watch and \$7 in cash. Mr. Bon was chagrined that the burglar failed to take away a very fine belt which lay in plain sight. He trusts that the man who hypothesized his wardrobe will renew his visit to the house and take the belt, as it was a part of the suit he wore.

Mr. Bon occupies a room with two doors, one of them a lattice door opening out upon the front lanai. He was awakened by a movement of a chair in the room, and upon opening his eyes saw, by the dim gleam of a night lamp on a table, the retreating form of a man in the act of leaving the room by the lattice door. Time was short, and with a leap and a shout Mr. Bon attempted to jump into the middle of the room. The mosquito netting was nicely tucked in, and the bank clerk became entangled in it. The net came down, and for a few seconds Mr. Bon struggled to free himself from its folds. He shouted to the burglar to stop where he was or he would shoot.

"Stop where you are, thief, or I will fill you with leaden pellets!" was Mr. Bon's demand. What surprised Mr. Bon was that the thief actually did

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As a matter of fact, neither Dr. Blake or myself would object to pass the substitution to any regular practitioner residing in Oahu, should there be any. Unfortunately, besides Kahunas, Christian Scientists, and those practicing homeopathy, there are no others. We regret the liberality of the examining board issuing licenses to such persons, thus encouraging superstition and deceit at public expense, and preventing the coming and setting of a regular practitioner in the district. Such were Dr. Blake's grounds when he requested me to act in his stead, and my reasons for accepting it. As a representative I take this opportunity to express in the name of the people of this district my protest against such policy of the board of examiners, as well as against any appointments by your honorable board of persons who have their residence elsewhere.

I will consider it a favor if the board please to mail the copy of this communication to the Auditor General, Attorney General, and the Board of Medical Examiners. Very respectfully, NICHOLAS RUSSEL, M.D.

The board decided to take no action further than to forward to Dr. Russell the registration blanks and other papers. Dr. Russell will be allowed to continue as Dr. Blake's substitute, but the salary of the office will go to Dr. Russell.

him by that," said Mr. Bon yesterday to a reporter. "He was not a large man, and may have been a Porto Rican, but I can't say as to that. I am sorry that he did not take that belt along, as it properly belongs to the suit he so generously availed himself of," he was about to send this advertisement to the Advertiser, as the belt only goes with that one suit.

WANTED—Will the gentleman who saw another gentleman in a front room of residence on Pensacola street, at midnight, January 15, please call again, as he forgot the belt which belongs to the suit that he

government physician for Oahu, like all others, is made on condition that government physicians should have their residence in their respective districts. I believe that the commission issued to Dr. Reid is not valid, he being unable to reside in two districts. I also beg to enclose a written authorization from Dr. Charles Blake to act in his stead, equivalent to a power of attorney. While section 16 of the organic act forbids any holding any commission, it does not in any way interfere with my civil right to act as a substitute to anybody under proper authorization, nor with the right to practice medicine granted to me by license and involving the right of consulting, assisting or substituting any colleague in his professional duties. Neither does it forbid me under proper authorization to draw Dr. Blake's salary for him and in his name. No new commissions, permanent or temporary, need to be issued; an acquiescence with the substitute furnished is all that is necessary.

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### MASKED ROBBER CHASED CHEEK

M. A. Cheek, of the Bank of Hawaii, reported to the police yesterday that early yesterday morning he had been chased by a burglar, who threatened him with a dirk.

Mr. Cheek, who lives at the corner of Spencer and Magazine streets, says that about 2 o'clock while in bed, he heard a strange noise in the parlor. He got up and investigated, and found a man in the room. The robber, who was masked, drew a dirk and rushed at Cheek, who fled, and the burglar pursued. When the lanai was reached the burglar turned and ran into the front yard.

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## HAWAIIANS TO FIGHT ORIENTALS

### Longshoremen in Union for Work.

(From Thursday's daily.)

Hawaiian stevedores formed the Longshoremen's Union at the drill shed last evening after a meeting which lasted for several hours, starting late, owing to the fact that there were several company meetings on and the men in them wished to take part in the meeting. The gathering was the second one which had been held, and it was for the purpose of making the temporary organization permanent that the forces gathered last evening.

For an hour and a half before the meeting was called to order there was a busy crowd about the table signing the rolls of the organization, and when the meeting was under way it was found that at one time there were voting 130 men. After the long wait there had been several desertions, as there were no arrangements as to seating, and the men were tired. Finally Chairman Kaeo called the meeting to order, and the business of the evening was taken up. Paul Hippa led in prayer, and it was decided that the meeting should at once proceed to the election of officers. On motion of Holi, it was decided that the officers should be a president, vice-president, secretary and assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant, and executive officer and assistant.

The election proceeded with H. J. Mossman and D. K. Kaeo as the candidates. The vote was taken by a show of hands, which was decidedly unsatisfactory, the result being that Kaeo received fifty-one and Mossman forty-one. For vice-president William Ollipau had sixty-one votes on the same method, but when this point had been reached there was such a show of dissatisfaction on the part of the members that the chair held that there should be voting by ballot and declared off all the previous voting. The ballots were prepared and upon the count being made the result showed a tie between the candidates for the presidency, each getting sixty-five votes. Upon this showing Mossman retired in favor of Kaeo, and the election proceeded. William Ollipau was chosen vice-president, Fred Kauwahi secretary, John Wiese assistant secretary, Nika treasurer, all the latter being selected unanimously.

As soon as the elections were over Mossman argued that the next step should be the selection of a committee of seven for the purpose of framing a constitution and by-laws for the government of the organization. He said that this action was necessary owing to the fact that it would take some time to get the proper kind of by-laws, as it would be wise to look into the charters of other societies. This was acceptable to the members of the union, and the chairman was authorized to make the selections. He named the following: J. K. Mossman, chairman; Capt. Holi, John Wiese, Paul Hippa, Fred Kauwahi, W. Ollipau and Capt. Naha-Hipa.

This completed the work of the evening, and it was announced that the committee would meet for work at the Pacific Mall dock on Saturday at noon and that there would be another meeting of the union at the drill shed on next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

It is understood to be the intention of the Longshoremen to organize as tightly as possible for the purpose of getting into shape to make a fight against the presence on the front of Oriental and other cheap labor. It is not the intention to get into a national organization, but the union will join the Trades and Labor Council. Many of the members expressed their desire to follow the lines laid down in the Advertiser as being those on which the labor men of the city are to fight against the presence of the Orientals away from the plantations.

Frederick Warde Coming.

W. W. Randall, business manager for Frederick Warde, announces that a Shakspearean season will be presented in Honolulu by Mr. Warde and his full company from May 8th to the 20th, at the Opera House. Full scenic productions will be given, and the repertoire includes one or two of the plays especially written for Mr. Warde.

A Passing Newspaper.

The Star says, on what purports to be excellent authority, that the Republican will cease its issue on the last day of the month. The Robert Grievance Company will continue its job business and may publish a Sunday paper or some other weekly publication. It is represented that Judge Humphreys, having paid in \$1000 per month deficit as long or longer than he can afford to, has concluded to call the paper off unless the other stockholders will assume the burden. This they will not do.

All Territorial offices and courts will close today, it being a legal holiday.